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In re Application of :  
Toru Kihara, et. al. :  
Application No. 09/556,536 :  
Filed: April 24, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No. M1866-25 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 29, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed June 29, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned after midnight September 29, 2001.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 1700.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Andrea Coram at (703) 308-6711.

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